

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**



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May 31, 2013

The Clerk, Criminal Division
District of Columbia Superior Court
500 Indiana Ave., Room 4110
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Re: Raynard Cook
Case Nos.: 2012 CF1 11250, 2013 CF1 9030, 2012 CF3 11208

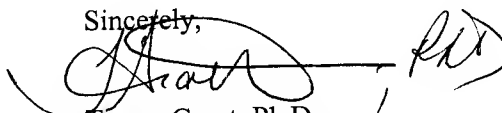
Dear Sir or Madam:

The Pre-Trial and Assessment Services Branch received court orders to conduct a competency screening examination of the above named defendant in the cellblock located at the D.C. Superior Courthouse.

In response to the court's order, Teresa Grant, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist was scheduled to evaluate the defendant. However, the defendant's presentation has not changed since the letter submitted to the court by this agency on May 30, 2013. The defendant was nonverbal and provided the evaluator with his attorney's business card. All attempts to engage him were unsuccessful. The evaluator suggests that the court and/or the defendant's attorney encourage the defendant to participate in the evaluation.

We await further instructions from the court in this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at 202-879-1390.

Sincerely,


Teresa Grant, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist

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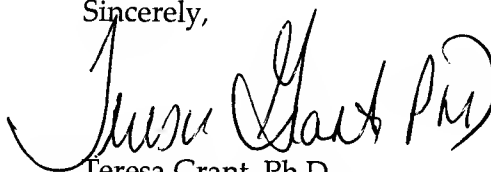
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At the request of Judge Morin, the evaluator attempted to evaluate the defendant. However, the defendant informed the evaluator that his attorney, Mr. James Whitehead from the Public Defender Service had instructed him to exercise his rights not to speak to anyone. He denied that Mr. Quillan was his assigned attorney. Mr. Cook stated, "I work with Mr. Whitehead...he breaks it all down for me like baby food so I can understand what is going on." The defendant stated that he was supposed to be in "traffic court" and released from custody. He reiterated several times that he was "not sure what was going on." The evaluator attempted to engage the defendant and asked several times if he would be willing to participate in a competency screening evaluation. Mr. Cook continued to reiterate that he was instructed by PDS to maintain his silence.

While Mr. Cook may require mental health treatment, hospitalization is not clinically indicated as he can continue to receive psychiatric treatment at the jail. According to medical records, the defendant has been evaluated and is currently receiving psychiatric treatment at their facility.

If Mr. Cook remains detained pursuant to D.C. Code 23-1321 et seq., the Pretrial and Assessment Services Branch can attempt to conduct a competency screening examination on a mental health unit at the Detention Facility and submit a report to the Court within 30 days in accordance with provisions of the Incompetent Defendants Criminal Commitment Act of 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Grant Ph.D.", written in a cursive style.

Teresa Grant, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist